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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND PUERTO RICO:

NORWEGIAN TALK WITH CUBAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

1. FOLLOWING IS GIST OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERM REP VRAALSEN AND CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AS REPORTED BY VRAALSEN. ALARCON SAID THAT CUBAN IS "NOT AFTER BLOOD." HE IS AWARE OF US POSITION AND NORWEGIAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. VRAALSEN EXPLAINED ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT, POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF C-24 MEMBERS FAVOR POSTPONEMENT AND EXPRESSED HIS PRIMARY CONCERN THAT A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS, WHICH WOULD PUT THE OTHER C-24 MEMBERS IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION, BE AVOIDED.

2. ALARCON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ALL OF ABOVE, COMMENTED THAT LAST YEAR'S HANDLING OF PUERTO RICO HAD CREATED A POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH SPILLS OVER INTO THIS YEAR AND CANNOT BE NEGLECTED. FOR THAT REASON POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. EVEN IF THE C-24 DECIDES ON POSTPONEMENT, HE SAID, CUBA WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER GA ACTION ON PUERTO RICO. ALARCON SAID HE WOULD TRY TO COME UP WITH A "LOW KEY" RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO ALONG THE LINES OF THE C-24 1973 RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO THE GA OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

3. VRAALSEN SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NO SOLUTION, THAT IS IF A RESOLUTION WERE TABLED BY CUBA, THEN NORWAY MIGHT HAVE TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT AND THAT HE ESTIMATES POSTPONEMENT WOULD CARRY. VRAALSEN THEN SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO ALARCON. HE SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY THE PETITIONERS AND GENERAL DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO, FOR C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM TO PROPOSE THAT THE 1974 REPORT ON PUERTO RICO BE UPDATED IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THEN.

4. (VRAALSEN EMPHASIZED IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUERY THAT NO RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN UPDATING OF THE REPORT WAS INTENDED, BUT JUST A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.) ALARCON INDICATED INTEREST IN VRAALSEN'S PROPOSAL. VRAALSEN WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL WITH SALIM LATER ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AND HAS ANOTHER MEETING WITH ALARCON ON SEPTEMBER 2ND. MISOFF PROMISED TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.

5. COMMENT: USUN BELIEVES THAT VRAALSEN'S PROPOSAL COULD PROVIDE A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT IMPASSE WITHOUT UNDERTAKING THE RISK OF LOSS WHICH A PUSH FOR POSTPONEMENT ENTAILS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.

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